

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Street Tree Advisory Committee

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Vice Chair
Grant Castleberg
Bob Cunningham
Maury Treman

Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent



August 7, 2014

REGULAR MEETING
Parks Office
402 E. Ortega St.
8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Committee for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not scheduled for a public discussion before the Committee.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Street Tree Advisory Committee after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Parks Division Office located at 402 E. Ortega Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, during normal business hours.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting, July 3, 2014

MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Recreation Commission Actions
- B. Enforcement Update

TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES

1. 730 Flora Vista Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius* , Brazilian Pepper – Rusty and Marilyn Thomasson
2. 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente – *Ficus Nitida*, Indian Laurel Fig – Michael Selman
3. Alameda Park – (2) *Strelitzia nicolai*, Giant White Bird of Paradise, (1) *Phoenix spp.*, Feather Date Palm, (1) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm and (1) *Cordyline australis*, Dracaena – City of Santa Barbara Public Works Dept.

SETBACK TREES

4. 125 E. Pedregosa St. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Erin Carroll, Landscape Architect
5. 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd. – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore, Brandon Arlington with CDB Group
6. 3779 Lincolnwood Dr. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig, and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – David R. Black, Landscape Architect
7. 3753 Lincoln Rd. – (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Christian P. Nolte

STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

1. All Cottage Grove Ave. – tree designation – Mr. Shaw

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Tim Downey at 564-5433. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014
Parks Office 402 E. Ortega Street



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 03, 2014

Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:31 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Des O'Neill and Grant Castleberg
Member Absent: Maury Treman
Staff present: Tim Downey, Randy Fritz, Patty Herrera and George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor
Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Member of the public: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting June 5, 2014 – Approved

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Grant Castleberg that the June 5, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes be approved, passed, 4/0.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC Members on Commission actions.
 2. Tim updated STAC Members on enforcement cases.

7. NEW BUSINESS
A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES
None

SETBACK TREES
None

8. OLD BUSINESS

SETBACK TREES

1. 1300-1400 Euclid Ave. – 13 various trees – City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division & Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve Creeks tree removal, trimming, and planting on Euclid Ave. on the condition that 40 native trees be planted.

Member Grant Castleberg moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission conditionally approve removal of the tree, passed 4/0.

9. **STREET TREE MASTER PLAN**
None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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August 2014

Date: 7/13/14

Requested by: Rusty & Marilyn Thomasson

Address: 730 Flora Vista Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Location of Tree: 730 Flora Vista Dr.

Tree Species: *Schinus terebinthifolius* **Common Name:** Brazilian Pepper

Requested Reason for Removal: See attached letter.

Current designated Street Tree: *Geijera parviflora*, Australian Willow

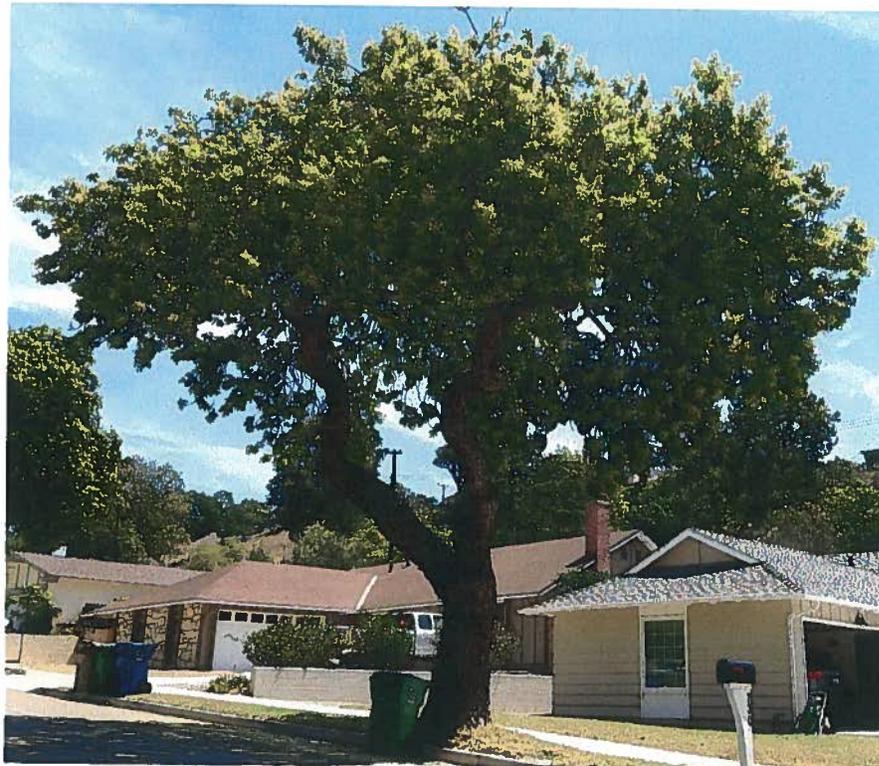
Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

PHOTO INVENTORY





City of Santa Barbara
 Parks and Recreation Department
 STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

JUL 15 2014
 PARK & RECREATION
 PARKS DIVISION

Mailing Address:
 PO Box 1990
 Santa Barbara, CA 93102
 (805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Office Address:
 402 E. Ortega St.
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	7/13/2014
APPLICANT:	Rusty & Marilyn Thomasson
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)	N/A
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	730 Flora Vista Dr., Santa Barbara
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-845-6818
TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):	730 Flora Vista Dr., Santa Barbara
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Pepper?
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	See Attached Letter

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
 - a. The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
 - b. Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
 - c. The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
2. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
3. Development plan/Landscape plan

7/13/14

City of Santa Barbara
P. O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Subject: Street Tree Removal Letter
Rusty & Marilynn Thomasson
730 Flora Vista Dr.
Santa Barbara CA 93109

We are requesting your approval to remove one city tree in the parkway strip directly in front of our home, attachment 1. We have another city tree to the right side of our driveway, attachment 2, on our property.

We have met with two landscape companies, Santa Barbara Landscapes and Cicileo Landscapers to help design a landscape plan for our front yard including the parkway. Both landscapers say the parkway is very difficult to landscape with the large elevated tree roots. We want to conserve water and remove the existing parkway grass. Their suggested parkway options for drought tolerance include: pieces of flagstone with river rock in between. The large elevated tree roots and small little trees that continually sprout are a problem. If you approve this tree removal request, we will proceed with removing the tree and using the flagstone and river rock in the parkway.

Additionally, we just completed a costly replacement of our underground yard drainage from the back yard through the front yard. There was evidence that the roots from this parkway street tree damaged the old drain system and we want to prevent that from happening in the future. Our front yard also contains surface roots from the city tree with small little trees sprouting continually.

In accordance with city regulations, we are responsible for the water needs of both of our city trees, as well as cleaning the debris. Removing the one tree would significantly reduce our on-going landscape maintenance cost as these trees are extremely high maintenance.

Therefore: we are requesting permission to remove the one city tree directly in front of our home. We have received a quote from The Beaver Company Tree Service, attachment 3. And we are willing to bear all the costs related to remove the tree. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rusty & Marilynn Thomasson

Attachments:

1. Photo of proposed city tree for removal.
2. Photo of additional city tree on our parkway property.
3. The Beaver Company quote to remove tree, dated 7/7/14

Proposed Tree for Removal

Attachment 1

5204197989@mms.att.net
To: mthomasson1@gmail.com
(No Subject)

July 13, 2014 2:02 PM

1 Attachment, 604 KB



NOTE:

attachment 2

5204197989@mms.att.net
To: mthomasson1@gmail.com
(No Subject)

Additional Tree on
our property. (Right
side of Driveway)

July 13, 2014 2:46 PM

1 Attachment, 590 KB





THE BEAVER COMPANY, INC.

P.O. Box 40279 Santa Barbara, Ca. 93140-0279

PHONE (805) 966-0975 OR (805) 968-3706

LICENSED & INSURED

CONTR. LIC. #701272

attachment 3

330

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO.	PHONE	DATE
	845-6818	7-7-2014
NAME	Rusty Marilyn	
ADDRESS	730 Iron Vista	

SOLD BY	CASH	C.O.D.	CHARGE	ON ACCT.	MDSE. RET'D.	PAID OUT
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QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	Remove Large Pepper Tree		1595
	& grind out stump		
	12" below center		300
	Remove everything away		1295
	Clay		

Payment due upon completion of job unless otherwise specified.
 7 1/2% Charge on past due invoices. Not Responsible For Damage
 To Any Non-Visible Pipes Or Wires Below Ground. When This
 Paperwork Is Signed By The Above Individual(s) It Becomes A
 Legal & Binding Contract To Perform The Work.

RECEIVED BY	TAX
	TOTAL 1295

4704

All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill.

THANK YOU

August 2014

Date: 7/21/14

Requested by: Michael Selman

Address: 1720 Calle Poniente, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: *Ficus Nitida* **Common Name:** Indian Laurel Fig

Requested Reason for Removal: Damaging driveways, sewer lines, street and going into power lines.

Current designated Street Tree: *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

PHOTO INVENTORY





**City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department**

SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

Street Tree

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

JUL 21 2014

PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	7/21/14
APPLICANT:	Michael Selman
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1720 Calle Poniente Santa Barbara, CA 93101
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-682-2420
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1716 Between 1716 & 1720 Calle Poniente on city property at edge of street
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	damaging driveways, sewer lines, street and going into power lines
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: succulents No <input type="checkbox"/> owner will pay cost of removal

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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 - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

7/14/14

City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

JUL 21 2014

PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this request to the city in regards to the tree that is located in between 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente and at the base of the driveway for 1720 1/2. I have been concerned with the visible damage the tree has done to our driveway. I have enclosed photos with extensive details. The sewer line has been an issue too. We have had plumbing problems with backed up drains regularly and each time the plumber has come he explains it is because of the tree that I am writing about. My wife and I have owned this property for 22 years and we have witnessed the progressive damage that the tree has caused over the years. There are three neighborhood households that are adversely affected by this tree. The only way that we see it possibly solved is removal. There was a tree fort built in the upper branches by a neighbor kid that has since moved away. Since the tree is on city property we did not think much of it, but then received the enclosed letter from SCE. As good neighbors we removed the wood structure and now we would like the city to follow-up by removing this damaging tree. Two different times when the city tree trimmers were in our neighborhood I asked them what it would take to have the tree removed. Both times they reassured me that the tree would be dealt with. Needless to say, the tree is still standing and has grown into the power lines. The lines sway when the wind blows. I am concerned about how serious it would be if power lines were pulled down, especially on this section of narrow street. During this drought the tree has flourished making it obvious that it has an underground water source; the city sewer line. I have enclosed pictures and improvements that I would like to put in place of the tree. The neighbors and I have discussed our concerns and proposed low water plants to be planted by us. I am aware that there is a drawn out process in regards to the removal of a tree. I am enclosing the fees to have the city come and take a look at the situation. My insurance agent highly advises the tree be dealt with before someone gets hurt resulting in a lawsuit. If there is any way I can speed this process up, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michael Selman

Michael Selman
1720 Calle Poniente
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

February 7, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I have resided at 1716 Calle Poniente since August of 1993. During that time the tree on the Southwest corner of our lot has grown and is causing several concerns. The roots have lifted the parking slab in front of our home and are causing cracks in the pavement in the street. The tree is growing into the power lines, cable lines and telephones lines, including the power line that serves the residence above ours. Further, we are concerned that the roots of the tree might damage sewer, gas, and water lines that are in close proximity of the tree.

We request that this tree be removed due to both safety concerns and aesthetics.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L K Lauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "K".

LK Lauer

Larry K Lauer
1716 Calle Poniente
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



11/26/2013

Mike Selman
1720 Calle Poniente
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101-4916
Notification 404722732

Non-Conforming Condition

To Whom It May Concern,

SCE inspects its electrical distribution facilities to assure reliable, high-quality and safe operation in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) rules and regulations.

An inspection of our circuits/equipment in the area of 1720 Calle Poniente has identified a customer caused condition on or near a SCE facility that does not conform to the rules & regulations that govern the construction of overhead and underground electric supply systems. This condition requires your attention.

The inspection was performed on 9/18/2012. A description of the non-conforming condition is as follows: Customer needs to remove the treehouse attached to SCE Pole 4041265E (see attached photographs).

In accordance with the CPUC's General Orders, we are notifying you of this non-conforming condition and request that you take timely and appropriate action to correct it. If you do not take appropriate corrective action, and it becomes necessary for SCE to correct the condition, you will be responsible for all costs associated with the corrective action.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attending to this matter.

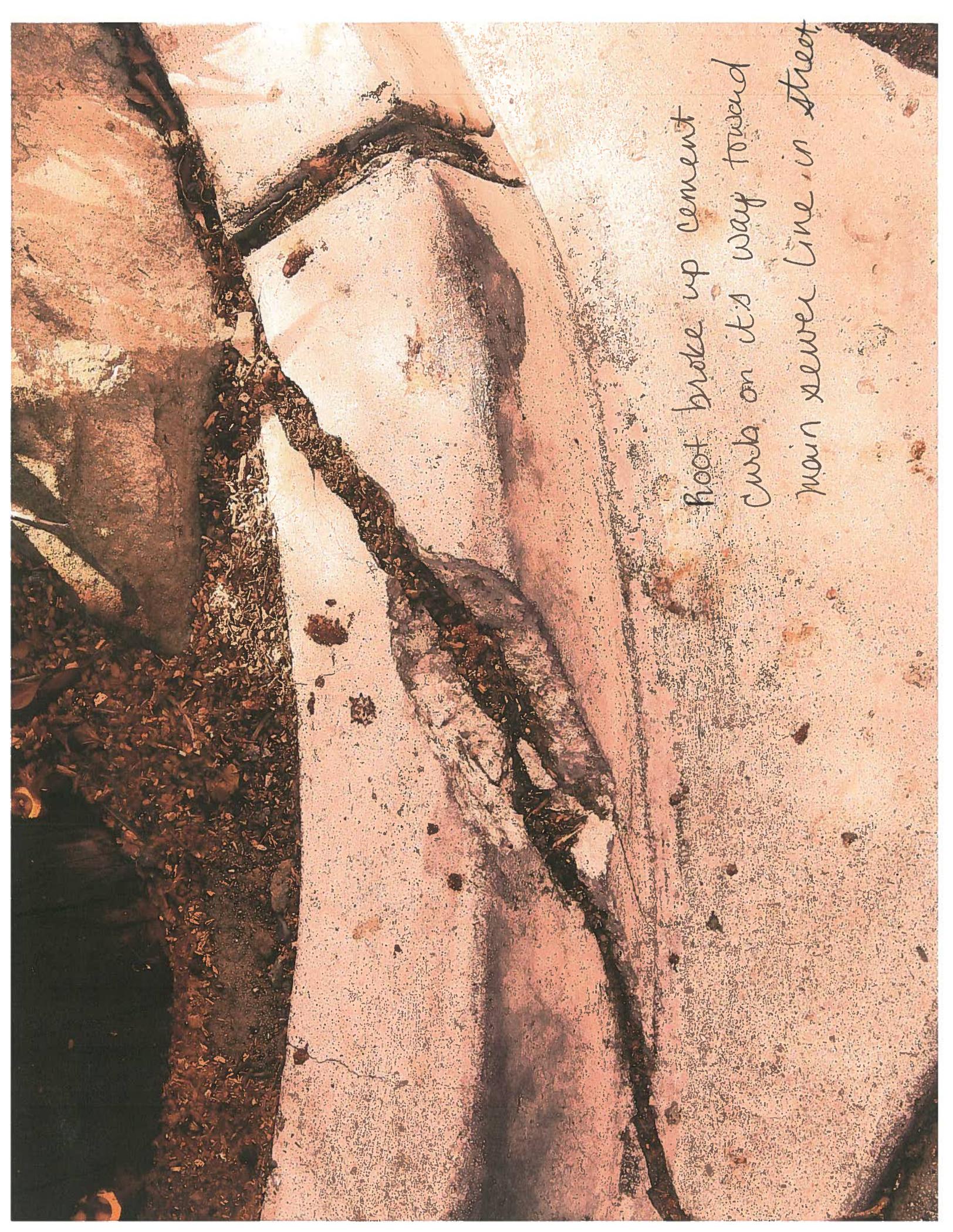
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige Dimas".

Paige Dimas
Southern California Edison
7333 Bolsa Avenue
Westminster, CA 92683
714) 895-0246

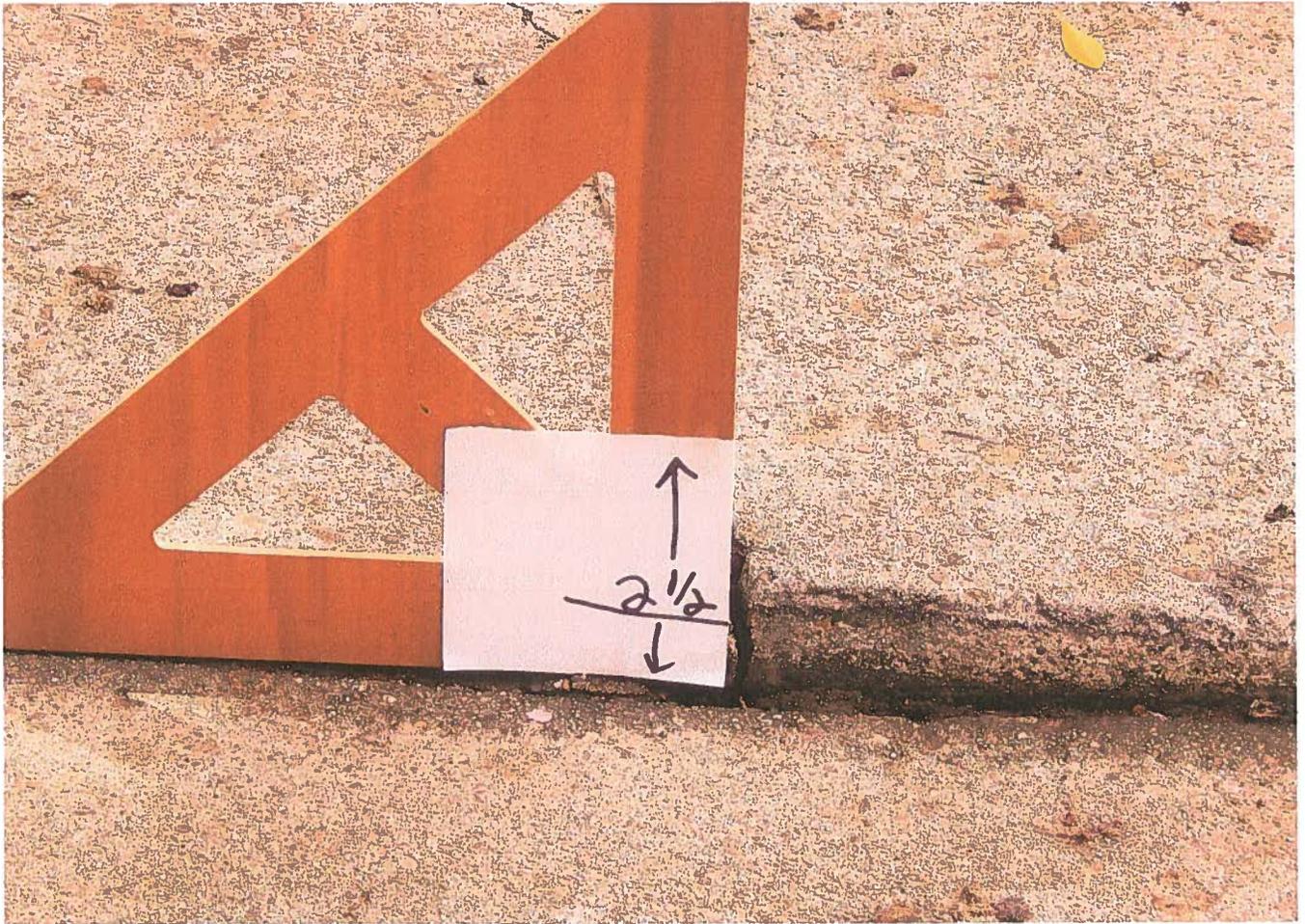
PD/nh



Comments



Root broke up cement
curb on it's way toward
main sewer line in street.



Center list of driveway



Existing land scape on left side of driveway will be replicated on right after tree removal. Drought resistant only plants will be used

Date: 7/25/14

Requested by: Philip Maldonado, Project Engineer for the City of Santa Barbara

Address: Alameda Park, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: Alameda Park

Tree Species:	(2) <i>Strelitzia Nicolai</i>	Common Name: Giant White Bird of Paradise
	(1) <i>Phoenix spp.</i>	Feather Date Palm
	(1) <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	King Palm
	(1) <i>Cordyline australis</i>	Dracaena

Requested Reason for Removal: Construction activity associated with relocation of a groundwater well.

Current designated Street Tree: Various trees.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted:

Comments:

PHOTO INVENTORY





**City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

JUL 25 2014

PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Office Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	July 25, 2014
APPLICANT:	Philip Maldonado, PE Project Engineer for the City of Santa Barbara
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	None
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	630 Garden Street / pmaldonado@santabarbaraca.gov
DAYTIME PHONE:	805.560.7544
TREE LOCATION (Address):	1400 Santa Barbara St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Bird of Paradise (x2), Dracena, Palm, and King Palm
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Construction activity associated with relocation of a groundwater well.

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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 - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan



City of Santa Barbara

Public Works Department

www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov

July 24, 2014

Main Office

630 Garden Street

P.O. Box 1990

Santa Barbara, CA

93102-1990

Administration

Tel: 805.564.5377

Fax: 805.897.2613

Engineering

Tel: 805.564.5363

Fax: 805.564.5467

Facilities

Tel: 805.564.5415

Fax: 805.897.2577

Street Maintenance

Tel: 805.564.5413

Fax: 805.897.1991

Transportation

Tel: 805.564.5385

Fax: 805.564.5467

Water Resources

Tel: 805.564.5387

Fax: 805.897.2613

Mr. Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent
City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Department
402 E. Ortega Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**SUBJECT: STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION – ALAMEDA PARK WELL
RELOCATION PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Downey:

I am managing the Alameda Park Well Relocation Project on behalf of the Public Works Department for the City of Santa Barbara. This letter is being written in support of the Street Tree Removal Application submitted for this project.

The removal of five (5) trees at Alameda Park is associated with the construction activity required for the relocation of a groundwater well located within the park. The trees have been identified as part of a Tree Protection Plan developed for this project by a Certified Arborist and incorporated with this application.

The project is on schedule to have 60% design plans prepared by the first week of August 2014. When these plans are complete, they will be submitted along with a project Master Application for Design and Building and Safety review. This submission should allow for review by the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) at their August 27, 2014 meeting. The design will include landscape plans for the park post construction, including replacements for the removed trees, created by a licensed Landscape Architect.

Sincerely,

Philip Maldonado, PE
Project Engineer
(805) 560-7544

PM/mj

cc: Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer
Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager
Amanda Flesse, Supervising Civil Engineer

ARBORIST'S FIELD REPORT: ALAMEDA WELL RELOCATION PROJECT

July 23, 2014

Prepared for:
MNS Engineers, Inc.
201 Calle Cesar Chavez, Ste 300
Santa Barbara, California 93108

Prepared by:
Bill Spiewak
Registered Consulting Arborist #381
American Society of Consulting Arborists

Board Certified Master Arborist #310B
International Society of Arboriculture

3517 San Jose Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
(805) 331-4075 / bill@sbarborist.com

SUMMARY

The well in East Alameda Park needs to be relocated approximately 100' to the west of its current location in a planter with multiple trees. As a result, it was required that trees within project parameters be inventoried, assessed, and protected, relocated, or removed as necessary.

I have determined that one dead palm will need to be removed and four other trees (palms and bird of paradise) will need to be removed or relocated. It may be determined that relocation of these four trees, one healthy bird of paradise and three palms in fair to poor condition, will not be cost effective.

This report identifies the trees within the parameters of construction and provides measures for protection. Refer to the table of contents on the next page for the organization of this report. A site plan is included with hard copies of this report or as a pdf in the electronic version.

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BACKGROUND/ASSIGNMENT

The City of Santa Barbara has contracted with Pueblo Water Resources, Inc. and a team of sub-consultants including MNS Engineers to relocate the existing well in East Alameda Park approximately 100' to the west. In order to obtain the approval to commence with this project, one requirement was to address the potential impact to trees. I was retained by MNS Engineers to inventory the trees within the parameters of construction, assess their condition, and prepare a report with my findings and recommendations. I met with the team on site in early July 2014.

Limits of Report

The identification of trees was based on city tree lists and *Trees of Santa Barbara, Haller & Muller, 2005*. However the exact genus and species may not be accurate on some of the palms.

Use of Report

It is intended that this report provide the steps necessary to protect the trees within the project parameters.

OBSERVATIONS

The Site and Trees

I looked at forty-four trees on the site; of which, two thirds were palms. There were eight woody trees of different varieties and a few that were quite unusual. Although most trees appear to be in fair to good condition, yellowing and some die-back is a common symptom of drought stress. One palm was dead. Most of the trees are adequately distanced from the proposed project.

The Project

The well construction begins with installation of a large sound wall. This is composed of multiple panels, 24' in height, surrounding the work area. Once the sound-wall is in place, no project activities will occur outside of its perimeter except for some trenching and installation of plumbing and electrical.

Inside of the sound-wall perimeter is a planter with ten palm trees and two giant bird of paradise. [See the attached inventory for a description of each tree. Refer to the corresponding numbers on the site plan for their locations].

Due to project requirements, the well will be relocated inside that planter which will warrant the removal and/or relocation of five trees (including one dead palm). It may be determined to be more cost effective to remove the five trees rather than relocate four of them or box them for future replanting. Seven trees will need to be protected inside of the sound-wall.

Tree Inventory

The spreadsheet below is the inventory of trees with column headings and descriptions. Refer to the site plan for their location by corresponding number.

#	Common Name/ Botanic Name	DBH	CRZ	Hlth	Struct	Comment
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= tree number to refer to on site plan

Common name/Botanical name.

DBH = diameter at breast height measured at 54" above ground. Multiple trunks on an individual tree are measured separately but not individually identified on multi stemmed palms and birds of paradise.

CRZ = critical root zone and is calculated as 12" radius per inch of DBH on woody trees. For multi-trunk trees, the CRZ is calculated by taking the square root of the sum of the squares of each trunk's DBH. On palms, I used a critical root zone of 2'-4' outside of the root ball due to fibrous root system.

Hlth = health or biological condition on a scale of 1-5: 4=good, 3=fair, 2=poor. "+" and "-" have been used for intermediate condition

Struct = structure or structural condition based on same scale as health

Comment = a noted observation

Trees in bold text are within the sound-wall and will be removed or protected.

#	Common Name/ Botanic Name	DBH	CRZ	Hlth	Struct	Comment
1	Montezuma cypress/ <i>Taxodium mucronatum</i>	13"	13"	4	4	Thin canopy and branches
2	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	14"	4'	3	3	Street tree
3	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	16"	4'	3	2	Eroded trunk at 25' and very narrow at 30', street tree
4	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	15"	4'	3	3	Street tree
5	Ginkgo/ <i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	10"	10'	3+	3	Codominant stems
6	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	14"	4'	3	3-	Splits in trunk from 30' up, hole at 40', Street tree
7	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	15"	4'	3	3	Street tree
8	Queen palm/ <i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	12"	4'	3	3	Slightly narrower at lower trunk, Street tree
9	Firewheel Tree/ <i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i>	11"	11'	3+	3+	

#	Common Name/ Botanic Name	DBH	CRZ	Hlth	Struct	Comment
10	Giant Bird of Paradise/ <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i>	6@7 "	4'	4	4	Protect-within sound wall
11	Canary Island Palm/ <i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	17"	4'	0	0	Dead- remove
12	King Palm/ <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	9"	4'	3-	3-	Hour glass trunk effect. Remove or relocate.
13	<i>Dracaena/Cordyline Australis</i>	6"	4'	2+	2+	Declining. Remove or relocate.
14	Senegal Date Palm/ <i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	6@6 "-8"	12'	4	4	Protect-within sound wall
15	King Palm/ <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	11"	4'	2+	3	Few fronds, drought stressed, struggling. Protect-within sound wall
16	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	13"	6'	4	4	Nice palm. Protect-within sound wall
17	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	12"	6'	4	4	Nice palm. Protect-within sound wall
18	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	11"	8'	4	4	Nice palm. Protect-within sound wall
19	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	12"	6'	4	4	Nice palm. Protect-within sound wall
20	Giant Bird of Paradise/ <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i>	3@5 "	6'	3	2-	Poor specimen, remove.
21	Giant Bird of Paradise/ <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i>	9@5 "-6"	6'	3	3	Remove or relocate.
22	New Zealand Chaste Tree/ <i>Vitex lucens</i>	9"/ 12"	15'	3	4	Unusual tree
23	English Yew/ <i>Taxus baccata</i>	24"/ 24"	34'	3	4	Unusual tree
24	Canary Island Palm/ <i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	30"	4'	3+	3	
25	Senegal Date Palm/ <i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	4@6" -9"	4'	3+	3	

#	Common Name/ Botanic Name	DBH	CRZ	Hlth	Struct	Comment
26	Henkel's Yellow Wood/ <i>Podocarpus henkelii</i>	12"	12'	4	4	nice tree
27	Feather palm/unknown species	Small multi	4'	3	3	Young palm
28	Med Fan Palm/ <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Small multi	4'	3	3	Young palm
29	Med Fan Palm/ <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Small multi	4'	4	4	Young palm
30	Deodar Cedar/ <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	21"	21'	4	4	Nice tree
31	Med Fan Palm/ <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Small multi	4'	3	3	Young palm
32	Senegal Date Palm/ <i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Small multi	4'	3	3	Young palm
33	Sago Palm/ <i>Caryota urens</i>	Small	4'	3-	3	Drought stressed young palm
34	Brazilian Needle Palm/ <i>Trithrinax brasiliensis</i>	16"	4'	3	3	Nice palm
35	Brazilian Needle Palm/ <i>Trithrinax brasiliensis</i>	16"	4'	3	3	Nice palm
36	Brazilian Needle Palm/ <i>Trithrinax brasiliensis</i>	16"	4'	3	3	Nice palm
37	Brazilian Needle Palm/ <i>Trithrinax brasiliensis</i>	11"	4'	3	3	Nice palm
38	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	12"	4'	3	3	Young palm
39	Chinese Fountain Palm/ <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	12"	4'	3	3	Young palm
40	Blue Fan Palm/ <i>Brauhia armata</i>	12"	4'	4	4	Young palm
41	Med Fan Palm/ <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	3@5" -8"	4'	4	4	Young palm
42	Canary Island Palm/ <i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	28"	6'	4	4	

#	Common Name/ Botanic Name	DBH	CRZ	Hlth	Struct	Comment
43	Moreton Bay Fig/ <i>Ficus macrophylla</i>	144"	120'	4	4	Great, massive tree overhanging <i>Kids World</i> . Needs pruning to reduce weight of large horizontal branches.
44	Star Pine / <i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	36"	36'	3	3	

CONCLUSIONS

1. The city needs to determine if the few trees in the path of construction can be removed or if they should be relocated. This includes five trees: one dead date palm, one bird of paradise in poor condition, one tall and very thin king palm with reverse taper in the trunk, and one *Dracena* palm in poor condition.
2. Tree protection measures will adequately protect those trees to be retained, which are the most valuable and in good condition.
3. None of these trees are a designated specimen or historic tree.

TREE PROTECTION MEASURES

In order to complete the project, the following tree protection measures will be required.

1. Prior to the start of the project, remove or relocate trees inside proposed sound wall area. Box up trees that will be replanted in same planting bed post construction if determined to be the best option.
2. Prior to set up of sound wall and ingress of equipment, install temporary chain link fences. These should be placed outside of area while panels are being set and around the trees to be protected inside of the sound wall. These areas are tree protection zones that shall be void of activities, dumping, and storage of materials.
3. Once the sound-wall is in place, remove fences outside, but retain the fencing inside.
4. Prior to excavation of trenches for utilities outside of the sound wall, install temporary fencing to protect trees adjacent to those trenches as indicated on the plan.
5. It may be determined that monitoring by a Project Arborist during installation of the sound-wall and during utilities excavation will be adequate, instead of fencing outside of the sound wall. Clean cut roots. Irrigate soil profile in trenching sites.
6. Any roots that are encountered from woody trees during utility trenching shall be cleanly cut with a sharp tool rather than being ripped or torn, or shall be tunneled under without severing the root. The contractor shall notify the City prior to severing roots 3" in diameter or larger.
7. Access to protected trees shall be available to City Staff at all times during construction for monitoring and watering as necessary.
8. No pruning of tree canopies will be allowed for the installation of the sound walls.

ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE

Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or to seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like any medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, and other issues. Arborists cannot take such considerations into account unless complete and accurate information is disclosed to the arborist. An arborist should then be expected to reasonably rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near a tree is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risk associated with trees is to eliminate all trees.

I Bill Spiewak, certify:

That I have personally inspected the trees on the property referred to in this report and have stated my findings accurately.

The analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own and are based on current scientific procedures and commonly accepted arboricultural practices.

Signed:

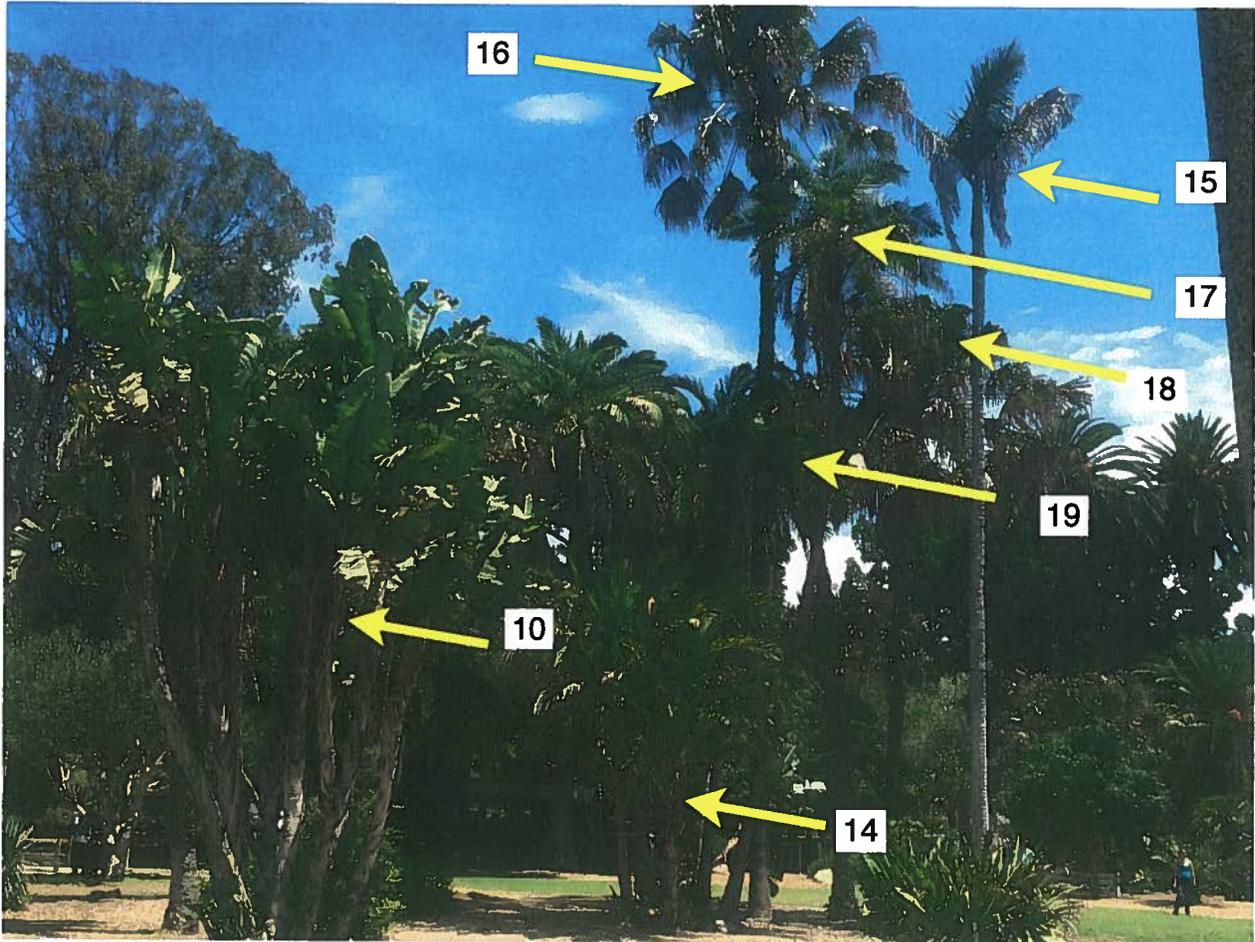
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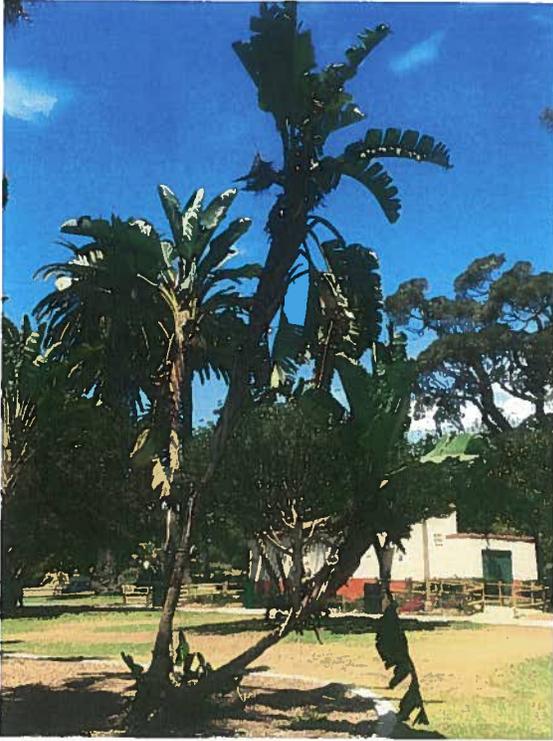
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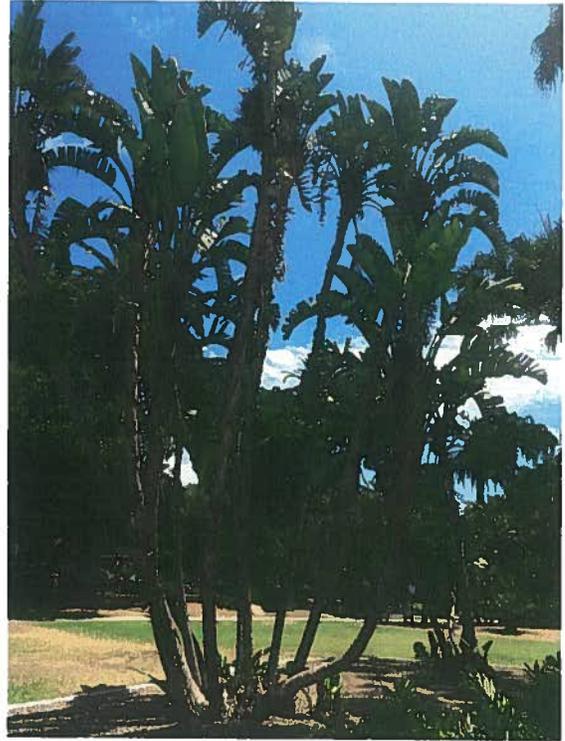
PHOTOS



Trees inside sound wall to be protected: #10, Bird of Paradise #14-Senegal date palm, #15-King palm, #16-#19 Chinese Fountain Palms



Above: #20-Bird of Paradise to be removed



Above: #21-Bird to be removed or relocated

Below: #13-Dracena to be removed



Below #11-dead dead palm & #13-King palm to be removed or relocated (arrow)



**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2014

Date: 7/16/14

Requested by: Brandon Arlington with CDB Group

Address: 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Location of Tree: 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Tree Species: *Platanus racemosa* *Common Name:* California Sycamore

Zoning/Setback: A – 1 35' Setback

Reason for Removal: Tree is overbearing on property lot and other native specimen trees surrounding it. Also tree root poses a threat to the sewer lateral to main residence and sewer main line of City.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

PHOTO INVENTORY





**City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

**JUL 16 2014
PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION**

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	07.16.2014
APPLICANT:	CDB GROUP (BRANDON ARLEINGTON CAO)
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	AARON FORMAN & EMILY CAREY
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1900 E. LAS TUNAS RD. SANTA BARBARA CA 93103
DAYTIME PHONE:	(805) 896-8148
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1900 E. LAS TUNAS RD. SANTA BARBARA, CA 93103
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	SYCAMORE
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	TREE IS OVERSHADING ON PROPERTY LOT & OTHER NATIVE SPECIMEN TREES SURROUNDING IT. ALSO, TREE ROOTS POSSES A THREAT TO THE SEWER LATERAL TO MAIN RESERVOIR AND SEWER MAIN LINE OF CITY.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes [] With: No [X]

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
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- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan



April 10, 2014

To: Santa Barbara Parks Department

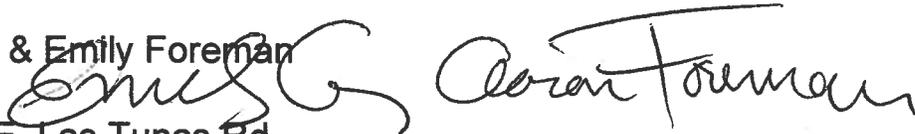
We are concerned that the root system of a sycamore tree at the edge of our property at 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd will damage the sewer lateral that is located near the base of the tree as the roots continue to expand. In addition, this is a rather tall tree and could in fact hit our master bedroom in the event of falling.

For these reasons we are seeking permission to have the tree removed.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron & Emily Foreman

1900 E. Las Tunas Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
310.663.4056

Handwritten signatures of Emily and Aaron Foreman. The signature on the left is 'Emily Foreman' and the signature on the right is 'Aaron Foreman'.

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2014

Date: 7/8/14

Requested by: Erin Carroll, Landscape Architect

Address: 105-J W. De La Guerra St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 125 E. Pedregosa St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: *Acacia melanoxylon* *Common Name:* Black Acacia

Zoning/Setback: E – 1 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: The location of the tree is too close to the retaining wall along the public sidewalk and will eventually cause damage and/or failure of the retaining wall.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No Will fill in the existing Ficus hedge with 2 additional 24" box hedge plants.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

PHOTO INVENTORY





**City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	2014.07.08
APPLICANT:	Erin Carroll, Landscape Architect
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	Alex Webster
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	erinocarroll@gmail.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	805.680.3624
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	125 East Pedegrosa St.
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Acacia melanoxylon / Black Acacia
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	The location of the tree is too close to the retaining wall along the public sidewalk and will eventually cause damage and/or failure of the retaining wall. A photo of the tree is attached.
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: We will fill in the existing Ficus hedge with 2 additional 24" box hedge plants. <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Erin O Carroll
Landscape Architect
CA License #5521
105-J West De La Guerra St.
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101
(805) 364-5075
erinocarroll@gmail.com

July 21, 2014

Owner / Project Address:
Alex Webster
125 East Pedegrosa St.
Santa Barbara, CA

To: Tim Downey, City of Santa Barbara Arborist
Subject: Tree removal request

Tim,

On behalf of the owner at 125 East Pedegrosa St., I am requesting to remove (1) existing Black Acacia Tree (*Acacia melanoxylon*) which is located within the front yard setback of the property. The location of the tree is too close to a retaining wall that runs along the public sidewalk and will eventually cause damage and/ or failure of the retaining wall.

This request is not associated with the redevelopment of the property or any building permit, and there is no active development application associated with this property. The tree is not an historic tree, and this property is not a designated historic landmark.

Due to the minor scope of work, no development plan or landscape plan is provided for this request. Our proposal is to remove the tree and plant (2) - 24" box *Ficus nitida* hedge plants to fill in the hedge in the front yard where the tree will be removed.

Photo of the existing tree:



END OF LETTER



**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2014

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Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

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**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2014

Date: 7/15/14

Requested by: David R. Black, Landscape Architect

Address: 1718 Pampas Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 3779 Lincolnwood Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Tree Species: (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia* *Common Name:* Jacaranda
(1) *Ficus carica* Edible Fig
(1) *Washingtonia robusta* Mexican Fan Palm

Zoning/Setback: E – 3/SD-2 20' Setback

Reason for Removal: Conflicts with construction of proposed 6' masonry wall.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No With 2 Jacaranda 24"box.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

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Parks and Recreation Department
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	JULY 15, 2014
APPLICANT:	DAVID P. BLACK, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	DR. SALMAN HADJ
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	DBLACK@DAVIDBLACKLA.COM
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-898-8717
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	3719 LINCOLNWOOD, SANTA BARBARA
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	JACARANDA M. WASH. ROBUSTA FICUS CARICA
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	CONFLICTS W/ CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED 6' MASONRY WALL.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: No <input type="checkbox"/> [12] 2 JACARANDA (24" DBH)

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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DAVID R. BLACK & ASSOCIATES

July 15, 2014

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

JUL 16 2014

PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION



To:
City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Subject: Setback and Tree Removal Application
Property Address: 3779 Lincolnwood Drive, Santa Barbara

Supplemental Information:

Reasons for Tree Removal:

The trees (3 total) are being removed to accommodate the construction of a six foot (6') high masonry wall as shown on the plan.

Status of Development Application:

Plan has been reviewed by Planning staff and was presented to the SF ABR consent on July 14, 2014. Committee gave preliminary approval, including the tree removal, with the condition that the applicant provide for the planting of 2-Jacaranda trees (24" box size) as shown on the plan.

The trees are not designated specimen/Historic Trees or located with a designated Historic Landmark.

DAVID R. BLACK & ASSOCIATES


David R. Black

LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE
PLANNING

① W. Rdosta ② Fiq ③ J. J. J. J.



① W. robusta ② Fia ③ Jacaranda.





Community Development Department

ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR MINOR EXCEPTIONS TO FENCES, SCREENS, WALLS AND HEDGES

3779 LINCOLNWOOD DR (MST2014-00088)
APN: 053-430-026; ZONE: E-3/SD-2

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: DAVID BLACK
1718 PAMPAS AVE, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

OWNER: HAQ, MUHAMMAD SALMAN UL
3779 LINCOLNWOOD DR, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110

DATE APPROVED: July 24, 2014

EXCEPTION REQUEST:

Proposal to construct a 6' tall masonry wall 7' feet back from the sidewalk on Hope Avenue, with plantings in front.

APPROVAL CONDITIONS (if none, this area will be blank):

Your request for an Administrative Zoning Exception(s) as described above and as shown on the stamped plans has been approved on this date. The approval is subject to the conditions noted above. You may proceed with obtaining all required permits upon receipt of this approval. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at DKato@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or call me at (805) 564-5470 x2567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Kato".

Danny Kato
ZONING SUPERVISOR

cc: Planning File

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2014

Date: 7/7/14

Requested by: Christian P. Nolte

Address: 3939 Camellia Ln., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Location of Tree: 3753 Lincoln Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Tree Species: (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua* *Common Name:* American Sweetgum

Zoning/Setback: E – 3/SD – 2 20' Setback

Reason for Removal: One tree is in the location of the driveway for the new development of the property. Other tree is a safety hazard.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No 2 trees that can achieve a height of at least 20'.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted:

Comments:

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Parks and Recreation Department

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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	July 7, 2014
APPLICANT:	Christine P. Nolte
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	Gregory M. Gallant & Christine P. Nolte
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	3939 Camellia Lane Santa Barbara, CA 93110
DAYTIME PHONE:	Home: (805) 364-0029 Cell: (805) 845-6321
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	3753 Lincoln Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Liquidambar styraciflua (Quantity: 2) (American Sweet Gum)
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tree is in the location of the driveway for the new development of the property • One tree is a safety hazard
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: 2 trees No <input type="checkbox"/> that can achieve a height of at least 20ft.

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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July 7, 2014

To Whom This May Concern:

This letter is written in regards to removal of 2 trees in the setback area. Both trees are *Liquidambar styraciflua* (American Sweet Gum). The trees are located at 3753 Lincoln Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. The property is currently a vacant lot; a Master Application with the required documentation to build a one story Single Family Residence was filed on June 30, 2014 (case # MST2014-00312) and is being scheduled for a Single Family Design Board review. Attached is a photo of the trees, the Site Plan, and the Preliminary Landscape Plan. The trees are not, to my knowledge, a designated specimen or historic tree.

Following our proposed building plan, the *Liquidambar* tree located in the northwest corner of the property stands where our driveway would be located. Removal of the tree at the location of the proposed driveway (NW side of property) is appropriate for a reasonable and practical development of the property.

The second *Liquidambar* tree is located in the northeast corner of the property. The proposal to remove this tree is made in regard to the safety of persons. Quoting from the 2012 edition of Sunset Western Gardener, this variety of tree sheds: "spiky spheres reminiscent of tiny medieval maces... The spiny seedpods can puncture bicycle tires". With the frequency that these trees drop their seedpods it is impractical for the property owner to keep the seedpods off the sidewalk and street at all times. Two of my neighbors where I currently live have had injuries from stepping on the seedpods from this same type of tree. (One neighbor twisted an ankle when stepping on a seedpod and the other sustained a knee injury from slipping on a seedpod.)

In summary, the request is to remove both *Liquidambar* trees and to replace them with two trees that can achieve a height of at least 20 feet. It is my belief that the character of the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation will not materially be affected by the proposed removal of the two trees, especially since replacement trees will be included in the landscape in the development of this property.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

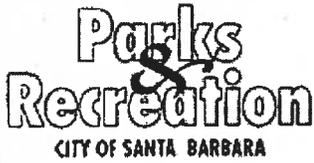
Sincerely,

Christine P. Nolte

Christine P. Nolte
Home: (805) 364-0029
Cell: (805) 845-6321
cpnolte@cox.net



3753 Lincoln Road



City of Santa Barbara
FORESTRY DIVISION

ATTACHMENT

August 2014

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE
FOR ADOPTION**

Date: 4/14/14

Location: All of Cottage Grove Ave.

Present Species Designation: *Pittosporum rhombifolium*, Queensland (1977)

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change:

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action: